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In re Application)	
)	Confirmation No.: 9583
Inventor: Elizabeth S. Light)	
)	Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/863,125)	
)	Examiner: Sisson, Bradley L.
Filed: May 22, 2001)	
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Title: Method of Detecting Single Gene Copies)	
<i>in situ</i>)	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

M/S RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Introductory Comments:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2005 and Applicants' telephone interviews with Examiner Bradley L. Sisson on January 24, 30 and 31, 2006. This Amendment is submitted after the shortened statutory period for replay, which was set to expire December 23, 2005, therefore an extension fee is required to enter this Amendment. This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of time under § 1.136 extending the time for response to February 23, 2006. Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.